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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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Season's Greetings! - This will likely be our last mailing before the holidays are upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a safe and Happy Holiday.
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20/12/2013: Bill, K9HZ, will once again visit Kralendijk, island of Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA 1279, WWFF PAFF-024, Grid Loc. FK52) and be active as PJ4/K9HZ between 20th December 2013 and 4th January 2014. QRV on 80-6 metres using portable beam antennas and wires. QSL via home call, direct or LoTW and eQSL. PLEASE no Buro. [rsgbiota.org]

21/12/2013: Sigi, DK9FN, plans to be active from Lomlom Island (OC-065), Temotu Province, as H40FN between 21st December 2013 and 10th January 2014. Plans are to be QRV on all HF bands using Elecraft KX3 (10 W) TVR + PA WiMo HLA-300 Plus (300 W), Vertical L-Antenna for 160/80/40m fed with 600 Ohm Twincable and 40-10m G5RV Inverted Vee. QSL goes via DK9FN, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/H40FN [NG3K]

21/12/2013: After the terrible earthquake and tsunami on 6th February 2013 a group of Radio Amateurs founded the Temotu Aid Radio Club (TARC). They are organizing aid for the local people, especially supporting the LATA hospital. Therefore the next upcoming DX-expedition activity will be from 21st December 2013 to 10th January 2014 from Lata, Nendo Island (OC-100), Temotu Province. Donations to support the local hospital are most welcome. The travel costs for the expedition will be fully financed by the operators themselves. So your donation goes straight 100% to LATA hospital. Activity as H40TA will be on CW and SSB. QSL and donation info to follow. [DX World]

21/12/2013: Imam YB4IR, Budi YF1AR and Joppy YB8XM plan to be active as YB4IR/8, YF1AR/8 and YB8XM/p, respectively, from Pulau Kisar (OC-272, WW Loc. PI31NW) from 21-25 December 2013. They will be QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL YB4IR/8 direct to YB4IR and also via OQRS, LoTW and the bureau. QSL YF1AR/8 via N2OO and ClubLog OQRS. QSL YB8XM/p via home call (see QRZ.com). Further information at: www.yf1ar.com/2013/12/kisar-island-oc-272-new-iota.html [JN6RZM]

22/12/2013: Wolfgang, DH3WO, will be back in Lesotho from December 22nd to December 24th, 2013 operating holiday style as 7P8WO, from Roma Lodge, as time allows. All QSL via bureau or direct to DH3WO home address (NOT via DL7JAN). Please remember sufficient postage --- 2 US Dollars or 1 IRC., otherwise the QSLs will be sent via the bureau. [DX World]

22/12/2013: Nao, JN1RVS, will be active as PJ5/K6NAO from the island of St. Eustatius (NA-145, WLOTA 1851, WWFF PAFF-025) between 22-29 December 2013. QRV on 40-10m, CW, RTTY/PSK. QSL via OQRS/JA1HGY. Online log is hosted by ClubLog. [DX World]

24/12/2013: Dietmar, DL3DXX, will be active from Outjo, Namibia, as V5/DL3DXX between 24th December 2013 and 8th January 2014. QRV on 160-10m, mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Online log search will be hosted by Club Log.

[DX World]

26/12/2013: Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX-001S), Galveston county, Texas, from 26 December to 1 January 2013. He usually operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch is hosted on ClubLog. [425 DX News]

26/12/2013: Raimundo, PT7CG, will be active from Ilha Grande de Santa Isabel (IOTA SA-025) and lighthouse (DFB PI-03, ARLHS BRA-070, WLOTA 2825, WW Loc. GI97DE) as ZX8DX between 26-30 December 2013. QRV on the HF bands propagation allowing. QSL via PT7CG and LoTW. [DX World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

01/01/2014: Special callsign 8J7T will be active on all bands and modes during the entire year of 2014. Activity is to celebrate the Birth of Takizawa-city (JCC #0316), Iwate prefecture, Tohoku region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. New JCC Takizawa city, IWATE (JCC 0316) will be established on 1 January, 2014. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

08/01/2014: 120TH BIRTHDAY OF ST. MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE (SP3RN) AND 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO NIEPOKALAN?W - St. Maximilian founded the first private radio station in Poland, Radio Niepokalan?w. As only government broadcasting stations were allowed in the 1920's, he was permitted orally to use rather an amateur callsign for test transmissions. After a course of training in amateur radio, he chose the SP3RN callsign and transmitted near the 40 m amateur radio band in 1938. St. Maximilian was murdered in the German Nazi Auschwitz Concentration Camp after he volunteered his life for the life of another inmate who had been randomly sentenced to death. The following special-event stations will operate to celebrate the two Anniversaries: 3Z120SMK II2SMK (8-28 January 2014) and HF120MK SN0MMK SN120MK SN120MMK; HF0RN SN0RN SN75RN (8 January - 14 August 2014). QSL via the operators' instructions. Polish and Italian Awards will be available for QSO's (HRD's) with those stations. Websites: http://stmaximiliansp3rn.blogspot.com; http://sp9jpa.blogspot.com [SP9JPA]

16/01/2014: Craig, MM0SSG, is returning to Luanda, Angola, on 16th January 2014 and will be active, when work permits, until December 2014. QRV on 80-10m SSB, PSK31 and CW. QSL via GM4FDM and LoTW. [DX World]

01/02/2014: UPDATE, CHANGE OF DATES: A DXpedition to the Italian village "Palumbo Reef Resort", on Uroa beach, Zanzibar Island (AF-032, WLOTA 1080, WWFF 5HFF-003), tentative callsign 5I0DX is being planned for 1-10th February, 2014. Activity on HF bands; SSB, PSK and RTTY. Team members include Fred IK7JWX, Leopoldo I8LWL, Stefano IK6JRI, Ciclane IZ6JOD, Luca IS0AGY, Ampelio IZ8LFI and Elvira IV3FSG. The DXpedition will also be humanitarian with donation of medicines to the "Italy Day Hospital". Website under construction. [IK7JWX]

01/02/2014: John IK5BCM, Beppe IK5CBE and John IK5CRH will be active as S9TF from Principe Island (AF-044, WLOTA 2000) between 1-12 February, 2014. QRV on 80-10m CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via IK5CRH and LoTW. Website: gmiross.wix.com/principe-is-2014 [DX World]

06/02/2014: Ulf, DL5AXX, will be returning to Mor-Gan Villa, L'Anse aux Epines, island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718, WW Loc. FK92DC) between 6-18 February 2014 using the callsign J38XX. QRV on all HF bands and modes, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (15-16 February). QSL via home call. Online log will be hosted by ClubLog. Online QSL requests please at www.dl5axx.de/dxlog [DXAT]

15/02/2014: Carol, KA4WJR (ARLHS Member #1881), reports that special event callsign N4N will be be activated by her group from the Mount Dora Lake Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-1407) for the 140th Anniversary of the 1st Settlers in Mount Dora. The lighthouse is located on Lake Dora at the entrance of the Port of Mount Dora in Mount Dora, Florida. Built in 1988, only 35 ft. tall, the lighthouse is a fully functional navigating light for the Port of Mount Dora, on Lake Dora. It is the only inland freshwater lighthouse in Florida. Mount Dora's 1st settlers were the Simpson Family in 1874. The Postmaster gave the settlement a name in 1880 by combining parts of his own children's names. In 1883 it was renamed Mount Dora, as it is located on a plateau 184 feet above sea level and borders Lake Dora. N4N will operate from 1500 UTC February 15, 2014 to 0200 UTC February 16, 2014 (10:00 am to 9:00 pm local time on Saturday February 15, 2014. Modes will be CW, SSB and PSK-31. See qrz.com webpages for N4N or KA4WJR - follow instructions for QSL. QSL via eQSL or Direct ONLY (Carol Scoglio, 31 Lake Wood Circle, Ocala, FL 34482 USA). Further information can be found on their website at: 146970.com/lighthouse [KA4WJR]

20/02/2014: The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, K6PV, will be on a mini IOTA expdition to Santa Catalina Island (NA-066, USi CA-016S, WLOTA 2912, Grid Loc. DM03), Los Angeles county, California between 20-23 February 2014. QRV as K6PV/6 on 160m-70cm CW, SSB, PSK-31 and RTTY. They are not sure of activity on 6 metres. They will also participate in the CQWW 160M SSB Contest (21-23 February). INFO: Text/call +1 310 351 7679 during the activation for a sked, or email lasnakeboy[AT]gmail[DOT]com . A special QSL card for this event will be produced, and those requesting one should QSL direct to: PVARC, P.O. Box 2316, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274 with an S.A.S.E. Website: www.palosverdes.com/PVARC/ [rsgbiota.org]

01/03/2014: Look for special event station 8N2HHH to be active on all bands and modes between 1 March and 16 June 2014 for the Hamanako Flower Expo (or Hana Haku) 2014 / The 31st Japan Parks and Urban Green Fair in Shizuoka-city (JCC 1801). Shizuoka-city is located in Shizuoka prefecture, Chubu region, on the island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

13/03/2014: Look for Aki, JR3QFB and Take, JS6RRR to be active from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033) as P40JH and P40R, respectively, between 13-18th March 2014. Plans are to be QRV holiday style on 160-6 metres, all modes. QSL via their home calls. [DX World]

11/05/2014: Jose, EA5IDQ, plans activity from Iceland (EU-021, WLOTA 2975) as TF/EA5IDQ between 11-22 May 2014. This is his first expedition and he will be QRV holiday style on 40-10 metre SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home call, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

20/12/2013: Dionizy, SP6IEQ, will operate the special event call 3Z13XMAS until 30th December. QSL viaSP6IEQ and LoTW. [DXNL]

20/12/2013: Jo, PA9JO, and Roberto, PB5X, will be running the special event stations PA14HNY (December 19 - January 12 2014) and PB14HNY (December 13 - Janaury 6 2014). QSLs via PA1AW. Website: www.pa9jo.com/_sgg/f10000.htm [DXNL]

20/12/2013: R7378TM from Ufa is one of the special event stations operating in the context of the Olympic Torch's relay through Russia. QRV from 20th December 2013 until 5th February 2014. QSL via RM8W. [DXNL]

20/12/2013: Scouts from TIF Turkish Scouting and Guiding Federation will be active once again as TC9SAM between 20-25 December 2013 for the Scouts paying respect to Allahuekber Martyrs. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically

via the bureau. Website: www.tcswat.org/ [TCSWAT]

25/12/2013: Look out for the traditional Christmas transmission from the Swedish Longwave station SAQ in Grimeton. It starts at 0730z on 17.2 kHz. Reception reports are welcome either via email: info[AT]alexander.n.se or via mail to: Alexander-Grimeton Veteranradios Vaenner Radiostationen, Grimeton 72, 43298 Grimeton Schweden. [DXNL]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

20/12-22/12 9M6/F4BKV: Pulau Labuan WLOTA:0456 QSL H/c OQRS
20/12-4/1/14 PJ4/K9HZ: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL H/c (d)
22/12-29/12 PJ5/K6NAO: St. Eustatius Island WLOTA:1851 QSL JA1HGY/OQRS
24/12-25/12 JW/PY2SEX: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL DL1NX (d)
26/12-30/12 ZX8DX: Pedra do Sal DFB:PI-03 WLOL:BRA-070 WLOTA:2825 QSL PT7CG (d)

6 METRES & UP -

20/12-4/1/14 PJ4/K9HZ: Bonaire Island SA-006 Grid:FK52 6m all mode QSL H/c (d)
22/12 ARRL CW Rookie Roundup 6m class 1800z-2359z
24/12 SKCC Straight Key Sprint QRO/QRP/6m class 0000z-0200z
24/12 LY 2.4GHz & Up Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
24/12 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
26/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
27/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSL ZS2DL: As of January 1, 2014, NI5DX, Buzz, will no longer be assisting ZS2DL as his manager. Donovan has decided that he will handle his own QSLing. Buzz will continue to answer any QSL requests for contacts prior to January 1, 2014 until March 1st. At that time, ALL requests for a ZS2DL card must go direct to ZS2DL. All bureau cards must go to ZS2DL as NI5DX will no longer reply to bureau cards after January 1st. [K1XN]

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:
T6TM - Afghanistan
Current operatio
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Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: CS28MCF, DD8D, DK0B, DL0AT, DL0WMS, DN7RR, DR1A, EI2CN, GI100MGY, II2ITAL, II9K, JA3AYM, JA6CVR, JD1BMH, JE1RXJ, JF3BFS, JF3SUL, JR1AYN, LA5O, OH3KX, PY2II, RP67S, TP8CE, UA9ONJ, UX1LW, YV5AAG and YV5NWG.

QSLs via Direct: 5B4AJC (UA3DX), BY7RA/7 [AS-139] (H/c), CP1/UA4WHX (H/c), EG3INT/7 [EU-152] (EA5KA), KL7RRC/P [NA-019] (N7RO), OA4/UA4WHX (H/c), T6T (RW6HS OQRS), TX5RV (M0URX OQRS), V31MA (M0OXO OQRS), V31ZM (M0OXO OQRS), ZA/UA4WHX (H/c) and ZM90DX (M0OXO OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 5J0R, KH2/N2NL, VU7AG and XR0ZR.

BITS & PIECES -

2014 DXpeditions by N7QT
Rob, N7QT has announced his DXpedition plans for 2014:
* April 2014 - San Andres (HK0/N7QT) 80m-10m CW/SSB, digital modes.
* October 2014 - Austral Islands (TX5D) holiday style dxpedition, primary focus on 80m/40m CW/SSB.
* November 2014 - Manihiki (E51), North Cooks, 80m -10m CW, SSB, digital modes.
Dates / updates to follow. [DX World]

LCL QSO Party -
The "Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society" (ARLHS) invites all hams
to take part in the "Lighthouse Christmas Lights 2013 QSO Party"
between December 21st/0001 UTC and January 1st / 2359 UTC.
http://arlhs.com/LCL-2013.html

NAQCC-FL Chapter Portable-Op 12-20-13
The Florida Chapter of NAQCC will hold its December field event this Friday, December 20th from 9 AM - 2 PM on Hontoon Island in northern Florida.
Please look for us around 7.040, 10.116, 14.060 and 18.080 on CW as well as 18.130 MHz SSB.
Operators will include WB4MNK Art (#5274), Wally KG4LAL (#6278), Don K3RLL (#1905) and a special guest operator Keith GI0SSA from Copeland Island(EU-122). [NAQCC]

Z81D - now QRT (17 December 2013) -
Due to the escalating violence in Juba, South Sudan, Dima Z81D is now QRT.
"Due to the unstable security situation in Juba, I have packed all radios and will transfer them to a safe place (if it will be safe?). I don?t know how long this situation will remain, but until that time, I will be monitoring only and there will be no activities from Z81D. Thanks to all and will back on air if all going to be stable." [DX World]

SPECIAL BULLETIN!
>From the Offices of Santa Claus
Lapland - The North of Finland
December 19, 2013

SANTA RADIO OF9X AT CHRISTMAS 2013

Santa always appears on short notice every year, and so does OF9X from the Land of Santa Claus. There is one thing that we cannot skip and that is Christmas. It is because of all those wonderful children of the world who persuade us busy people to settle down and remember that Christmas is after all for children - for whose who truly believe. So, take a moment and join us - welcome your children or grandchildren on a trip to Christmas world with the dedication it deserves.
Last year Santa became a figure in Amateur Radio with thousands of followers, and more than 800 Santa Awards were issued throughout the world. Santa Radio (OF9X) established itself also through the pages of QST, DL-QTC and Japanese CQ Magazine. Santa is here to stay.
Starting yesterday, Santa has been loading up his sleigh and will soon begin his journey across the world. It all starts from Finnish Lapland and ends up on Christmas Day in the United States. The main activity will be over this coming weekend before Christmas and, as Santa is busy, his elves will be much of the time at the controls of Santa Radio, OF9X. Just stop by and say hello. Santa should be around 25KHz up the band edge (CW) and 14.225 KHz or thereabout.
But something new has happened since last year - Santa has become a pro on

Morse code.
In addition to SSB QSOs from a year ago or this year, you should now contact Santa also on CW to qualify for the 2013 Santa Cold Winter (CW) Award. You should track your two (2) QSOs on ClubLog at www.qrz.com/db/OF9X and send your request by email to of9x at sral.fi. One of the QSOs should be from this year - 2013.
If you don't manage to work Santa on CW or SSB, or you only make one QSO this winter? No problem - not everything is lost as you have the option of compensating for the missing QSO by solving the Christmas Puzzle. Just send the details of your one 2013 QSO together with the two mystery words from the Puzzle, and you will qualify.
In case you need any assistance in filling in the puzzle, you may ask Santa for help - talk to OF9X and just point out the question line number and Santa will whisper to you the needed word. But only two lines at the most. On CW please just send "QSC NR". (Q-Santa-Claus)
While Santa Cold Winter Awards will be sent free of charge by email to those eligible, many have requested the Santa Award by post. Such a feature (OQRS)is now introduced as part of the log checking procedure on the OF9X QRZ.com page.
Santa's elves this year include Olli, OH0XX, Ville, OH1JD, Jaska, OH1TX, Rami, OH2BCI, Pertti, OH2BEE, Martti, OH2BH, Kati, OH2FKX (YL), Mari, OH2FPK (YL), Pekka, OH2TA, Pertti, OH2PM, Olli, OH6CT, Veijo, OH6KN, Kim, OH6KZP - and even the busy old man Santa himself with all the gifts he's got, now CW included.
Tap the Video and Audio button on the OF9X page at www.qrz.com/db/OF9X and you can occasionally see Santa and hear how your own signal sounds in the Land of Christmas.
Merry Christmas to all Amateur Radio operators and their children and grandchildren the world over. Enjoy your Christmas and share the joy of being together. Always!

Santa Claus, OF9X [Martti Laine, OH2BH]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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